

**Flint Auto Wreckers
15 Flint Street
Rochester, NY 14608
EPA ID # NYN 008 013 526**

RCRA COMPLIANCE EVALUATION INSPECTION NARRATIVE REPORT

Report Date: August 23, 2004

DATE OF INSPECTION: Wednesday, June 16, 2004

TIME OF INSPECTION: approximately 2:00 PM

EPA PARTICIPANTS:

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FACILITY PARTICIPANTS:

Bob Shelton, Flint Auto Wreckers owner

FACILITY OPERATIONS

Bob Shelton is the owner of Flint Auto Wreckers (Flint) and, according to Mr. Shelton, Louis Atkins is the owner of the property. Mr. Shelton has been at the property for about 40 years. He operates from 7 AM to 6 PM everyday with a night watchman. According to Mr. Shelton, he takes cars in from off-site and prepares them for processing at Genessee Scrap & Tin which is located on Steel Street in Rochester. Mr. Shelton said he will take cars off the street or they are brought in. According to government databases, the site has never manifested any hazardous waste off-site and did not have an EPA Identification number. (NYN 008 013 526 was recently assigned to the site due to the June inspection.) The facility has never been inspected.

SITE TOUR

The property is an unpaved storage area. According to Mr. Shelton, it has been here since about 1964. No containers or drums of fluids were observed at the time of the inspection. According to Mr. Shelton, the fluids are not removed from the cars until he has to get them ready for processing at Genessee. According to Mr. Shelton, he waits until he receives about 100 cars and then he calls Mr. Atkins to come and pick them up. He said it was up to Mr. Atkins who drains the fluids and prepares the cars. He said if Atkins is in a hurry to get the cars, Mr. Atkins (and his people) will prepare the cars and, if not, Mr. Shelton will do it. Mr. Shelton said he hasn't dismantled any cars in about three years. He said the 250 cars picked up in February had been accumulating for about three years. According to Mr. Shelton, Atkins came to the site in February and cleaned up. According to Mr. Shelton, he is a one man operation and may quit in the winter. Bob was in the hospital in February and was not at the site when the cars were removed.

Mr. Shelton said he is semi-retired and doesn't do anything with the cars that come into his site. A local guy comes to siphon the gasoline out of the cars to be used for his personal use but no other liquids are drained from the cars when they enter the site. Many tires were observed around the property.

According to Mr. Shelton, a guy in Auburn takes the tires and he thought they burned the tires for energy recovery. When asked about air bags, Mr. Shelton said he always takes older models so they don't have air bags in them. Mr. Shelton said Atkins came in February and removed the mercury switches and fluids from the cars before processing them at Genessee Scrap & Tin. Mr. Shelton did not know if the cars were prepped at the site or at Genessee. Mr. Shelton also did not know what Mr. Atkins did with the waste fluids, mercury switches, etc.

At the time of the inspection, there were about 40 cars being stored at the site. According to Mr. Shelton, these cars have been at the site since after the February pickup.

I inspected the property back behind an old abandoned building on the property. The building contained some old equipment and appliances such as a refrigerator and a lawn mower. Some abandoned trucks were observed behind the building. I observed some wet areas behind the building and believe wetlands are located in the back of the property. Some vehicles on the property appear to have been stored at the site for many years. According to Mr. Shelton, the only materials Atkins left in February were gasoline tanks and tires.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

EPA inspected Flint Auto Wreckers on Wednesday, June 16, 2004. According to government databases, the site has never manifested any hazardous waste off-site and did not have an EPA Identification number. The facility had never been inspected. At this time, it is unknown how waste fluids and other hazardous materials are handled when prepping cars for processing at Genessee Scrap & Tin. A Section 3007 Information Request Letter will be sent to the owner, Mr. Louis Atkins, to determine the outcome of the waste materials.